

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

I/WE CLAIM:

1. In a method of operating a captioned telephone station programmed, when a user dials a number, to normally dial a relay and transfer the called number to the relay, the improvement comprising the steps of:
 - the captioned telephone station monitoring the number dialed by the user; and
 - if the user dials number for emergency services, the captioned telephone then acts to not dial the relay but instead dial the emergency services number over the normal local telephone exchange.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the emergency service number is 9-1-1.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the captioned telephone when it dial the number for emergency services also turns off the captioning mode.
4. A captioned telephone device programmed to perform the method of Claim 1.
5. In a method of operating a captioned telephone station programmed, when a user dials a number, to normally dial a relay and transfer the called number to the relay, the dialing of the relay commencing when the user is still dialing the number to be called, the improvement comprising the steps of:
 - the captioned telephone station monitoring the number dialed by the user; and
 - if the user dials number for emergency services, the captioned telephone terminates the call to the relay and instead dials the emergency services number over the normal local telephone exchange.
6. The method of claim 6 wherein the captioned telephone also announces in voice to the emergency services number that an emergency has occurred.